REMARKS

The title as filed has been amended to conform to the verified translation. Headings have been added in the specification to conform the same to U.S. practice. The claims have been amended to place them in a format more consistent with U.S. patent practice and to eliminate multiple claim dependencies. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Ruschau, Reg. No. 34,242 LEYDIG, VOIT & MAYER, LTD.

Two Prudential Plaza, Suite 4900

180 North Stetson Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60601-6780

(312) 616-5600 (telephone)

(312) 616-5700 (facsimile)

Date: April 6, 2004